GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:114
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OVERDRAWAL OF ELECTRICITY FROM GRID
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued directions to the State Governments to curb Overdrawal of power from the regional and national grids;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States are violating the Indian Electricity Grid Code; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) provides that the constituents should endavour to restrict their net drawal from the grid within their respective drawal schedules whenever frequency is below 49.5 Hz and carry out requisite load shedding to curtail over-drawal when frequency falls below 49.0 Hz.The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) has issued directions from time to time to the constituent/state utilities,impressing upon them the need to maintain the safety and stability of the Grid in accordance with the provisions of the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) notified by the Commission under Section 178 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The Regional Load Despatch Centre being the designated apex body for monitoring of grid operations in the region, takes up the matter with the over-drawing constituents as and when required.In case of persistent default,notices are issued under Section 1.5 of IEGC by Regional Load Despatch Centre and Member Secretary,Regional Power Committee.The matter is also taken up by Central Transmission Utility,Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power whenever required. Secretary (Power),Government of India had convened a meeting of constituents States/UTs of Northern,Western and Southern Regions on 12th September,2008 and inter-alia directed them to curb over-drawal from the Grid.

Recently,vide order dated 22.09.2008 in Petition No.89/2008,after issue of show cause notices and hearing the concerned parties,the Commission imposed penalty of One Lakh Rupees each on Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited, Karnataka Power Transmission Limited,Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Kerala State Electricity Board for violation of Grid Code.